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Today's Topics:
                    license turnaround times..
              Outsider's reaction to no-code license.

We trust that readers are intelligent enough to realize that all text
herein consists of personal comments and does not represent the official
policies or positions of any party. Your mileage may vary. So there.

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Subject: license turnaround times..
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

In article <199406142008.NAA16502@ucsd.edu>, William=E.=Newkirk% wrote:
> just a tidbit...
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> the last exam we did here was 5/21/1993 (a saturday).
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> this was sent to the VEC via overnight express on 5/23 (monday).
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> the VEC sent a card saying that session's paperwork was submitted on June 7.
> this was about 10 days after they received the package (Memorial day - 5/31).
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> this should mean that these folks should get their licenses abt September 9.
> (figuring the FCC has to have 'em for about 12 weeks plus about 1 wk mailing).
>
> bill wb9ivr
>

I took my tests the last weekend in February. I believe the VE's sent in
the forms 1st of March. Myself, I'm still waiting on my ticket...

It's been around, what, 15 weeks I think...

<sigh> Soon...

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                    Internet: dratzlaf@nyx.cs.du.edu
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      | \ | "Leave the night-light on
      | \| orby   inside the birdhouse in your soul"--TMBG

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In article <2tiro7$8mp@charm.magnus.acs.ohio-state.edu>, Ron Jones (rj+@osu.edu)
writes:

>were to this development. In perusing the discussions I gather that
>many will still consider people such as myself lazy or stupid for their
>reticence to learn code.

Ron, there are two very distinct aspects of the no-code Tech license.
One is the fact that no CW test is required, and the other is that the
written test is considered by many, including myself, to be too easy in
relation to the privileges offered. But I, for one, don't blame those
who take the test for the quality of the test. If you get your
license, you're a ham, simple as that.

>proper conduct. Even if I were interested in sending/receiving code, I
>would rather spend my limited time learning the intricacies of computer
>interfacing and translation of Morse code. (I have been using ASCII
>coded alpha-numerics in computer programming for years without the need
>to memorize the actual numerical codes!)

Based on your desire to learn and experiment, I would welcome you into
the hobby. Without learning a single dit or dah, you will have access
to the wide open spaces of ham radio. (But, honestly, you really don't

know the ASCII for, e.g. CR, LF, ESC, SPACE, etc? :-))

>It is worrisome that many of the HAM community hold the attitude that
>their activity must be protected from the great "unwashed" masses --

It depends on what you mean by "unwashed." I think hams should have
reasonable technical knowledge and a keen interest in the hobby. I know
the second can't be tested, but the first can. I don't think the hobby
needs, or benefits from, people who's main desire is to play CB with
fancier radios.

> You will need numbers.

Have you seen the figures for new licenses lately?

73,
Mike, KK6GM

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Subject : Re: ARRL Replies to proposed rules on Vanity Calls

David Rutter <darutter@delphi.com> writes:

[some deleted]
>I was and am for a simple get-in-line proposal with calls issued based on
>license class........plain and simple.

Does anyone know a source for the callsigns that will be available?

-j

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"Where you come from is gone.. Where you thought you were going to was never
there, and where you are ain't no good unless you can get away from it."

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